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SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT INDIA HOUSE

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1. WITHIN ONE HOUR OF ROCK-THROWING INCIDENT AT INDIA HOUSE ON DECEMBER 11, 1975, FIRST SECRETARY JANKI NATH BHAT TELEPHONED USUN SECURITY OFFICER TO REPORT THE MATTER. HE DID NOT BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF POLICE PROTECTION. BHAT STATED THE NEW YORK POLICE VISITED INDIA HOUSE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT AND MADE VARIOUS SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS; ONE WAS THAT ALL WINDOWS BE REPLACED WITH SHATTER-PROOF GLASS. BHAT INQUIRED WHETHER USG WOULD PAY THE COST OF SUCH A PROJECT. HE SAID MANY OF THE WINDOWS WERE LARGE FLOOR TO CEILING TYPE. MISOFF REPLIED HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN USG WOULD NOT WANT TO SET SUCH A PRECEDENT. BHAT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD. MISOFF EXPRESSED REGRETS OVER DAMAGE TO INDIA HOUSE.

2. ON DECEMBER 15, 1975, USUN RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM INDIAN MISSION: QUOTE
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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT ON 11TH DECEMBER, 1975 AT ABOUT 11.20 A.M., THE SECRETARY TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE HEARD A SHATTERING NOISE OF A ROCK THROWN AGAINST THE GLASS WINDOW FACING THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE'S TABLE IN HIS OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF NEW INDIA HOUSE AT 3 EAST 64TH STREET. THE SECRETARY THEN LOOKED OUT OF THE WINDOW TO SEE WHO HAD THROWN THE ROCK BUT BY THEN THE MISCREANT HAD DISAPPEARED. THE POLICE WAS IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT.

TEN MINUTES AFTER THIS INCIDENT, THREE MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH DEFENCE LEAGUE APPEARED ON THE SCENE, THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A POLICE OFFICER. THEY HAD A PLACARD SAYING "FREE SYRIAN JEWS.". THEIR DEMONSTRATION LASTED ABOUT 10 MINUTES. THE POLICE OFFICER RECORDED A REPORT ON THE INCIDENT AND TOOK WITH HIM THE STONE WHICH HAD SHATTERED THE GLASS WINDOW. HE ADVISED THAT THE GLASS PANES OF THE WINDOWS SHOULD BE REPLACED BY SHATTER-PROOF GLASS.

THE ABOVE FACTS ARE BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR INFORMATION AND SUCH STEPS AS IT MAY WISH TO TAKE IN THE MATTER. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THE INDIAN MISSION HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CRIMINAL ATTACK BY THE JEWISH DEFENCE LEAGUE. ON EARLIER OCCASIONS IT HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF ATTACKS WITH GUNS AND GRENADES.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO TO THE UNITED NATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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